

The Weatherization Xpress

Letter from Paul Krievins:

Hello everyone and welcome to fall.

Fall is often emblematic of change. What we have experienced as a summer season of plenty and energy, turns into a winter of solace and closeness. Fall is season of transition. Fall is the time to prepare for what's next.

This fall, all of us are preparing for change. We are moving from a time of never-ending client phone calls and jobs to manage, to a time where we have to figure out how to identify our most talented and create programs to fill the gap. We are staring down the reality of re-vamped training curriculums and new unique grant opportunities. The chance to flex our innovation and prove our successes is now.

I encourage each and every one of you reading this to take a minute, a day, or a week this fall to evaluate what makes you unique? What will allow you to weather this change and come out stronger and move diverse on the other end?

Confident answers to these questions are what will ensure a bright and successful spring.

All the best,

-Paul

BPI Certification Maintenance Refresher Class

- INCAA will be holding 4 Cert. Maintenance Refresher classes on Nov. 16 & Dec. 6 in Wabash and Nov. 17 & Dec. 7 at Spring Mill State Park
- This class is for those who are currently BPI certified. Anyone in your 2nd and 3rd year of certification must attend a Certification Maintenance Refresher class.
- Register with INCAA at: http://reg.abcsignup.com/view/reg_month.aspx?as=22&aid=ICAA&wp=38



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Weatherization Day Celebration Picture (from left to right): Steven Foster, Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, Paul Krievins

Weatherization Day

Lt. Governor Becky Skillman joined IHCD staff, utility leaders, and community partners on Wednesday, October 26th to celebrate the weatherization of 20,000 homes – five months ahead of schedule – through the Home Energy Conservation Program. In addition to the 20,000-home benchmark, Lt. Governor Skillman touted a federal audit that showed no “material problems” with the Indiana’s program. Lt. Governor Skillman celebrated the milestone at the home of a weatherization client on Indianapolis’ eastside. Energy conservation efforts that took place at this home included: a new furnace, a new water heater, new attic insulation, and air sealing around windows and doors. This home has been weatherized by the Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation (WECC) with an HEC Funding and funding from Citizens Gas and Indianapolis Power and Light Company (IPL).

Training Competency for Indiana

During ARRA, Certification and training requirements for those performing weatherization in Indiana changed. Indiana began moving away from the Building Performance Institute (BPI) certifications to a training model designed to quickly equip a work force and accomplish production demands brought on by ARRA. As Indiana begins to wind down ARRA production, it is time to establish what training and competency will look like in Indiana post ARRA.

IHCD and INCAA are working together to create the new Training Competency for Indiana Weatherization. IHCD is coming away from certification and moving toward competency. The aim in doing so is that everyone working within Indiana Weatherization is focused on being extremely competent in every task they perform. Demonstrating this competency will be required for each individual performing Weatherization work in Indiana.

Those involved in the development of the training competency are the Weatherization Staff within the Energy Department at IHCD, the

Team Leader and Training Staff at INCAA and a committee of Weatherization Professionals' from within the Indiana Weatherization Network.

Indiana’s competencies are being based upon the Job Tasks Analysis developed by DOE for their national weatherization training protocol. Indiana will have four different categories of competencies: Energy Auditor, Retrofit Installer Technician [both shell and HVAC], Crew Leader [both shell and HVAC] and Final Inspector.

INCAA is currently working to add new and/or re-designed classes as necessary to meet the demand of the new competencies. They are also working to design the process by which individuals within the four categories will demonstrate their competency. Demonstration of competency will include both written testing and verification of the ability to properly perform required tasks.

Training classes designed for the new competencies will be available at INCAA beginning January 1, 2012. It is possible that these classes will be incorporated into INCAA’s on-line training schedule as early as mid November 2011.

Current BPI certifications for Building Analyst, Building Technician

and Heating Technician will continue to be in force until the expiration date on the card/certificate. Once those certifications expire, those individuals will be required to process through and pass the new Training Competency. Those in the position of Crew Leader and Final Inspector will be required to pass the new competency. The existing BPI certifications will not cover these new categories.

IHCD strongly encourages the sub-grantees that will be performing work in Indiana post- ARRA to begin evaluating the training needs of their staff and contractors NOW. It is imperative that each Weatherization Program Manager utilize the new and re-designed classes as they come available within INCAA’s training schedule.

IHCD realizes that there are many questions and concerns surrounding the new competency requirement. Please be patient as the details and guidance are completed and shared with Indiana’s Weatherization Network.

The new Indiana Weatherization Competency will become a requirement beginning April 1, 2012.

BY THE NUMBERS:

HEC Program Progress Report

- Homes weatherized: **20,287**
- Hoosiers served: **46,491**
- National ranking, percent of planned production: **22nd**
- Percent of total award spent: **89.18%**

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 3rd—ARRA Hours Created/Retained Due

ARRA sub-grantees must submit job hours created and retained for October by Thursday, November 3rd at 5:00pm EST.

Nov. 30th—ARRA Grants End

This is the last day to work in an ARRA unit. Close out is due January 31st, 2012.

Nov. 30th—Deferral Grants End

This is the last day to work in a deferral funded units (DR2OR or DFG grants). Close out is due December 15, 2011.

Nov. 30th—LIHEAP Grant Close Out Forms Due

LIHEAP close Out form is due to IHCD by Wednesday, Nov. 30th, at 5:00pm EST with original signature.

Dec. 5th—ARRA Hours Created/Retained Due

ARRA sub-grantees must submit job hours created and retained for November by Monday, December 5th at 5:00pm EST.

January 31st—ARRA Grant Close Out Forms Due

ARRA Close Out form is due to IHCD by Tuesday, Jan. 31st at 5:00pm EST with original signature.

January 31st—ARRA Loan Repayments Due

ARRA loan repayment check is due to IHCD by Tuesday, Jan. 31st at 5:00pm EST. Interest will start accumulating on Feb. 1st.

LIHEAP 2011-2012 Income Guidelines

Remember DOE WX clients can be served up to 200% of poverty guidelines but LIHEAP WX clients can only be weatherized up to 150% of poverty. If you are using both funding sources, you have to use the LIHEAP 150% of poverty as your maximum.

For current guidelines for Program Year 2012:

<http://liheap.ncat.org/profiles/povertytables/FY2011/popne.htm>

2011 National Weatherization Training Conference



December 13 - 15, 2011, New Orleans, Louisiana

The 2011 National Weatherization Training Conference is held every two years and sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy. There are 10 tracks covering a broad range of topics for all areas of the Weatherization Assistance Program. This is an eligible expense for the DOE T&TA funds. For more information or to register: <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/conference/>

New DOE Technical Monitor

Kyle Bias has worked as a technical monitor for IHCD for the ARRA monitoring process for the past few months. He will be shifting over to DOE technical monitoring starting Nov. 1st. He will perform the technical monitoring while Steve Osborne will be overseeing the file review process for DOE units. All DOE sub-grantees will receive a visit from Kyle and Steve between now and March 15, 2012.

OSHA Training

Required Starting April 1, 2012

OSHA Training will be required for all weatherization workers and crew chiefs starting April 1, 2012. Contact EMI at 317-248-4848 (1-800-488-8842), <http://www.envtlmgmt.org/> to register.

OSHA 10-Hour Course: Course is required for all WX workers who work in the units including auditors, shell and mechanical workers.

OSHA 30-Hour Course: Course is required for all crew chiefs or supervisors who serves in a supervisor capacity onsite and can monitor and instruction work-site safety.

Please visit our website to view dates of training:

<http://www.in.gov/ihcda/2523.htm>



Waiver Audits Approved

IHCDA has received DOE's approval of both the Site Built and Mobile Home Waiver Audits. This approval has resulted in some changes in the priority lists contained within each work order. Updated work order documents will be sent to all Weatherization Program managers via email no later than Nov. 4, 2011. The recently approved waiver audits will be in effect until Sept. 19, 2016.



Field Guide Update

Two Chapters of Indiana's Weatherization Field Guide will be receiving updates. The work order documents contained within the Building Model chapter will be updated to reflect the changes in the recently approved Site Built and Mobile Home Waiver Audits. The Air Flow chapter will be updated to reflect the changes necessary for Indiana to be in compliance with ASHRAE 62.2. Once these updates are completed, inserts will be made available for Indiana's Weatherization Network.

BPI Re-Certifications available until March 31, 2012

If your BPI Certification is ready to expire, INCAA will offer BPI re-certifications until March 31, 2012. New training and competency requirements will go into effect on April 1, 2012 for Indiana sub-grantees and their contractors. To schedule a re-certification events, contact Weatherization Training at INCAA at 317-638-4232/ 800-382-9895



ARRA Loans

Many ARRA sub-grantees have outstanding loans. The due date for repayment is the same as the ARRA Close Out Date of Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

No interest is due if repayment is received no later than that day.